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"SALUBONG" A Risen Christ and a sorrowful Mother Mary meet during the traditional "Salubong" held at dawn of Easter Sunday at Santo Domingo Church in Quezon City. A child dressed as an angel lifted the veil over the Marian statue during the dramatic reenactment held in Catholic churches throughout the country. (Story on Page A4.)

# P-Noy defers action on coco levy funds

## SC final decision awaited

By Norman Bordadora

THE AQUINO administration has ruled out urgent use of frozen funds arising from sequestered shares of San Miguel Corp. (SMC) worth at least P85 billion to rehabilitate the troubled coconut industry pending a final decision of the Supreme Court on the issue.

Budget Secretary Florencio Abad and Administrator Euclides G. Forbes of the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) said Malacañang could not act on demands by militant farmer groups that President Aquino issue an executive order directing the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) to free up interests and dividends from the SMC shares.

P-NOY / A8



EASTER VIGIL Pope Benedict XVI holds a lighted white candle while entering a darkened St. Peter's Basilica to begin the Vatican's Easter vigil service. He later led the Easter Mass at St. Peter's Square.

EASTER MESSAGE

## Pope: Life is stronger than death

VATICAN CITY—Pope Benedict XVI, carrying a tall, lit candle, ushered in Christianity's most joyous celebration with an Easter vigil service, but voiced fears that mankind was groping in darkness, unable to distinguish good from evil.

Easter for Christians commemorates Christ's triumph over death with His resurrection following His crucifixion.

"Life is stronger than death. Good is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Truth is stronger than lies," Benedict, wearing white robes in a symbol of new life, told the faithful in a packed St. Peter's Basilica on Saturday midnight.

Still, Benedict worried in his homily: "The darkness that poses a real threat to mankind, after all, is the fact that he can see and investigate tangible material things, but cannot see where the world is going or whence it comes, where our own life is going, what is good

POPE, LIFE / A4

## Heroism of Scouts recalled

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CLARK FREEPORT—Sgt. Dominador Figuracion, 92, begged off from talking about the Fall of Bataan to the Japanese Imperial Army on April 9, 1942, and how he and some 70,000 Filipino and American soldiers had been forced to march to a concentration camp in Tarlac.

Around 7,000 to 10,000 soldiers perished during the Death March. About 20,000 of the

HEROISM / A18

## Economic growth under Noy eludes poor

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

FOR WANT of anything useful to say at the end of the Lenten holidays, President Aquino in his Easter message compared what he called the "resurrection" of the Philippine economy under his watch to the resurrection of Jesus Christ more than 2,000 years ago.

When secular leaders of state mix up their metaphors with statecraft and religious matters, they are likely to get jammed into empirical data that undermine the accuracy of their claims on the condition of the economy.

When one claims "resurrection" of the economy, it implies that the President inherited a dead economy from the previous administration. Rather, he inherited a robust economy but squandered the opportunities to sustain growth.

The incontrovertible fact is

ECONOMIC / A4




## Experts advise elderly to enjoy healthy aging

By Jocelyn R. Uy

ELDERS, REJOICE! You have many more good years to come!

But not until, lay off the booze and throw away that stick.

EXPERTS / A6



YAMBOT

## Remembering Gani, the journalist

By Winston A. Marbella
Contributor

(Editor's note: The Philippine Daily Inquirer is putting out this tribute to its late publisher, Isagani M. Yambot, to mark the 40th day of his death. He passed away last month, at age 77, less than two weeks after undergoing a quadruple heart bypass.)

WE WERE still busy moving into the Senate office of freshman Sen. Salvador H. Laurel when a youngish looking journalist with droopy eyelids walked in and introduced himself to us as the Senate reporter of the Manila Times.

He said his name was Isagani Yambot and wanted to meet the guy in charge of Senator Laurel's public relations. There was no such position in the Senate plantilla, but I guessed he meant me, so I introduced myself as the secretary of the Senate committee on government reorganization.

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# Second FrontPage

WEATHER FORECAST

# Palace assures safety of tourists

By Christine O. Avendaño and Jerome Aning

MALACAÑANG assured the public yesterday that the government is capable of providing security to its people and visiting foreigners following a travel advisory issued by the United Kingdom as a result of the April 5 explosions in Palawan.

Deputy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte said the Philippine National Police and the Department of the Interior and Local Government are investigating the simultaneous blasts that hit the capital city of Puerto Princesa and the popular resort town of El Nido.

Valte told the state-run dzRB radio that the explosions had "to do with some local issues" but it was best for the Palawan police to make the explanation.

"We understand the nature of travel advisories and as such, as we have said in the past, we will continue to extend security not just to our people but to those who visit our country as tourists," she said in reacting to the UK travel advisory.

Three persons were injured in the El Nido and Puerto Princesa bombings, which authorities described as meant more to "alarm than harm."

The British Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) on April 6 advised British nationals in Palawan, particularly El Nido and Puerto Princesa City, "to call home to let family know they are safe."

The FCO reiterated its earlier warning against traveling to southwest Mindanao and the Sulu archipelago because of on-going terrorist activity and clashes between the military and insurgent groups. It also advised against travel to the rest of Mindanao, unless necessary, for the same reason.

"There is a high threat from terrorism. Attacks could be indiscriminate, including in places frequented by expatriates and foreign travelers. Such places could include, but are not limited to, airports, shopping malls, places of worship etc.," the FCO said.

"Kidnapping could occur anywhere, including on coastal and island resorts and dive boats and sites in the Sulu Sea," it added.

Over 130,000 British tourists visited the Philippines in 2011, according to the FCO.

Palawan recently experienced a surge of foreign and domestic tourists after the Puerto Princesa Underground River was named one of the "New Seven Wonders of Nature" in a global poll. Tourists have also been flocking to Palawan's beaches at the coast of the municipal towns.




## US soldiers limit carbon footprints in 'war games'

By Redempto D. Anda, Inquirer Southern Luzon

PUERTO PRINCESA City—An American soldier made sure the plastic bottles underneath the armored personnel carriers parked inside the sprawling Western Command Headquarters compound in the heart of this city were properly placed to catch drip oil and prevent it from seeping into the ground.

The city's environment control and carbon-neutral status have rubbed off on more than 200 American troops currently taking part in the joint US-Philippine military exercise Balikatan 2012 as they have been given strict instructions to minimize their carbon footprints.

"We make sure to use local resources when available instead of importing all materials, contract local services, recycle paper, aluminum, plastic, certain fuels and other renewable resources," US Marine Capt. Stuart Reddinger, a public affairs director at the Marines' Air Station Yuma back in Arizona, told the Inquirer via e-mail over the weekend.

Reddinger said US planners have met with local officials and government environmental specialists to be briefed on current environmental protection policies and procedures and incorporated US military environmental protection standards in conducting the joint military exercises.

### Carbon neutral

"From the engineering projects to the field training evolutions, each functional area has a risk mitigation plan that guides US operational decisions," Reddinger said.

Puerto Princesa City received early this year its recognition from the Manila Observatory based at the Ateneo de Manila University as the first "carbon neutral" city in the country. This means its city is essentially clean of greenhouse gases, mainly carbon dioxide, as a result of the city's strong pro-environment programs and high forest cover at nearly 65 percent.

In a media briefing following the arrival of US troops here in the last week of March, US officials said they were aware of the emphasis placed by the local government and the community to protect its environmental laws.

### Unique beauty

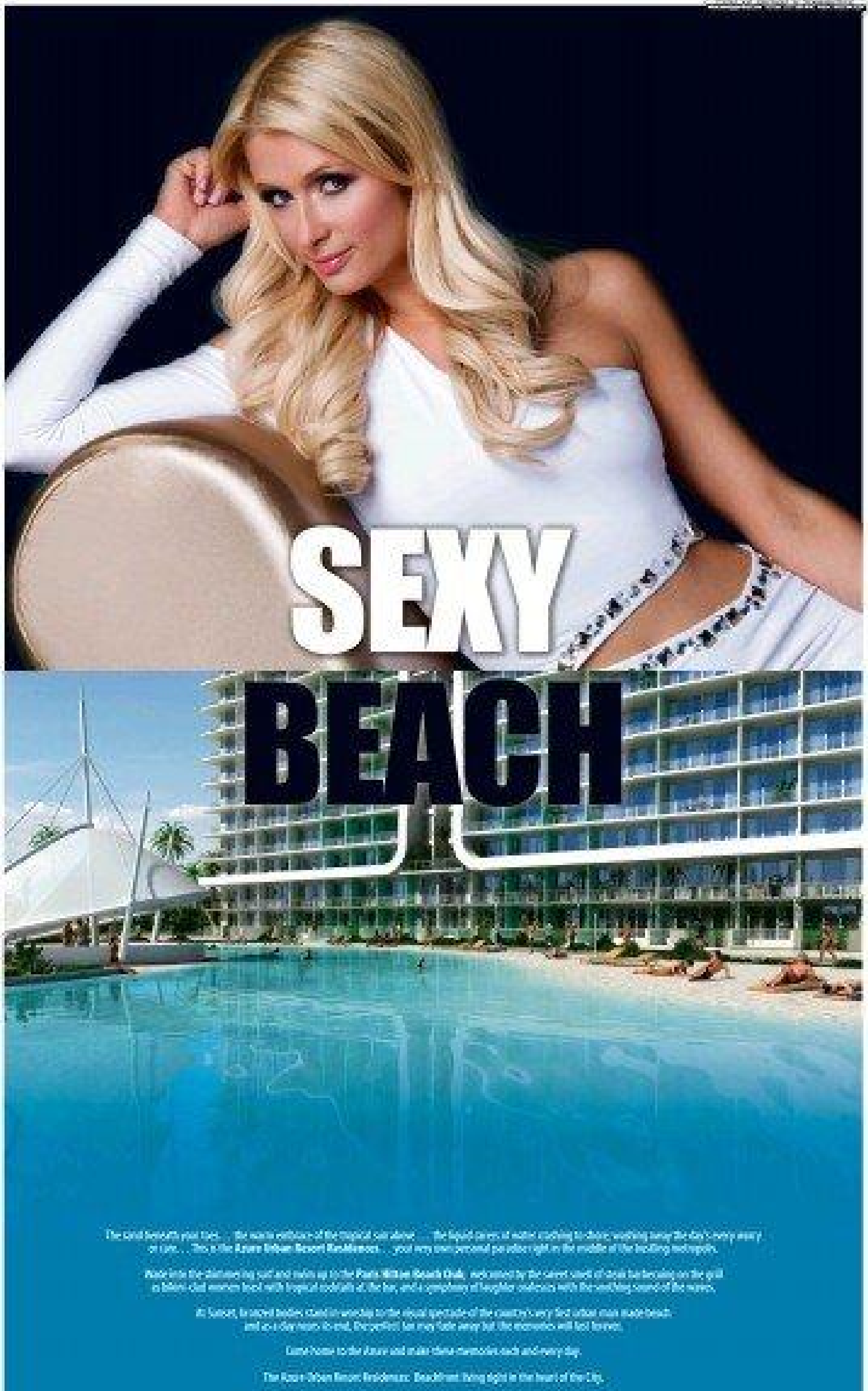
"We are conscious of the unique beauty of Palawan," Reddinger said, explaining that US specialists have taken extensive measures to plan the exercise with the intention of limiting its carbon footprint.

"We are mitigating our overall carbon footprint, conducting our fuel from the local economy, rather than importing fuel. We have tried to use as much local expertise and materials as possible in an effort to enhance the economy here in Palawan," Reddinger said.

Currently on its second week, the joint exercises have so far consisted of civic action projects. Two school buildings in various outlying villages are being targeted for completion before the second part of the exercise involving amphibious military maneuvers set from April 17 to 27, takes on the final phase of the one-month joint exercise.

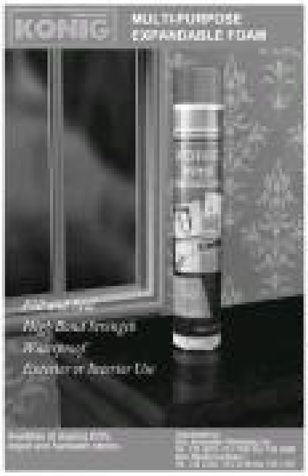






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# Manila archdiocese holds 'Salubong' at new home

By Jeannette I. Andrade




# Pope: Life is stronger than death

## Pope to visit Lebanon in September






# LP vs UNA: 'A case of David vs Goliath'

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE SENATORIAL slate to be fielded in the midterm elections next year by the combined forces of Vice President Jejomar Binay and Former President Joseph Estrada against the ruling coalition could be a match between "David and Goliath," according to Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile.

Enrile compared the biblical story between the young David, then nonentity of Israel, and Philistine's giant and fearsome warrior Goliath to the coming electoral battle in 2013 during an interview over dzBB.

In the new senatorial race, the Binay-Estrada forces, being in the opposition, would represent David, while the senatorial slate to be formed by President Benigno Aquino III's Liberal Party (LP) would take the place of Goliath because of the latter's control over the resources needed to secure victory for the President's candidates, Enrile said.

## 'Winnability'

Enrile, who is allied with Estrada's party, said he was not discounting the "winnability" of those running on the slate of Binay and Estrada.

Binay's Partido Demokratiko Pilipino-Lakas ng Bayan (PDP-Laban) has formally joined forces with Estrada's Partido ng Masang Pilipino (PMP) to form the United Nationalist Alliance (UNA).

"[illegible] maybe our David might win, who knows?"

The Senate chief claimed it was too "natural" for political parties to talk about electoral mergers "because they want to prepare their tickets for the coming elections in 2013."

"This is the process of democracy in our country," said Enrile, explaining that these merger talks were being pursued "everyday."

The Senate president refrained from commenting on whether the Binay-Estrada ticket could easily beat LP's slate.

"I don't know it…(you are) referring to money, referring to organization, referring to popularity? What do you mean…there are a lot of factors involved (in elections)?"

"Of course, they hold the government, the money of the people, the bureaucracy—all the resources," said Enrile.

But he added: "Politics is a function of the attitude of the people at any given time in the life of the country."

In the epic battle between David and Goliath, the much weaker and younger David prevailed over the battle-tested giant. This, said Enrile, underscores the possibility that the underdog could win in an electoral contest against the powers that be.

## Koko vs Migz

On emerging tensions in the opposition party over the possible inclusion of Juan Miguel "Migz" Zubiri in the UNA line-up, Enrile said it would be the directorate of PMP and PDP-Laban that would decide on the matter.

Reports that Estrada had invited Zubiri (formerly with the Lakas-Kampi party) into the ticket has upset reelectionist Sen. Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III, who fought a long electoral protest against Zubiri's claim on the 12th Senate slot in the 2007 election. Zubiri stepped down on Aug. 3, 2011, eight days before the Senate Electoral Tribunal declared Pimentel the rightful winner.

Pimentel, one of the leaders of PDP-Laban, will run on the Binay-Estrada ticket. He has expressed dismay over the possibility of running on the same ticket as Zubiri, who was the reason he waited four years before he could assume his Senate post.

## Koko's feelings

"We respect the feelings of Koko, but in the end the ones who will decide it is the directorate of the coalition," said Enrile.

Aside from Zubiri, another former Lakas-Kampi member being mentioned for inclusion in the UNA ticket is Zambales Rep. Milagros "Mitos" Magsaysay.

The Estrada-Binay coalition slate could also reportedly include San Juan Rep. Jose Victor Ejercito, Cagayan Rep. Juan Ponce "Jack" Enrile Jr., Joey de Venecia, Ramon Mitra and reelectionist Senators Gregorio Honasan, Francis Escudero, Loren Legarda and Alan Peter Cayetano, former Senator Jamby Madrigal, and Ms. Lourdes Nancy Binay, the eldest daughter of the Vice President.

Talks are being pursued to formalize political tie-ups for local electoral contests as well.

# No nuke threat from N. Korean missile launch

By Tarra Quismundo

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THERE'S THE RUB

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# 'We're so sincere'

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*Denis Murphy*

> There has been so much effort and goodwill, so many young lives spent with so little to show for their work

# Reciprocity

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*Ramon J. Farolan*

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*Fiorello Provera*

> [H]uman rights organizations have largely neglected to highlight cases of explicit anti-Christian attacks and persecution

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## IBP, Senate strangely oblivious to Miriam's rants

## Perjury by a chief justice is impeachable offense

# Cops have CCTV footage on 2 blasts

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

POLICE investigators have footage from closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras and at least 12 witnesses to help them get to the bottom of the two bomb explosions that hit the tourist destination of Palawan on Maundy Thursday.

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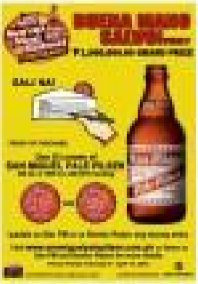
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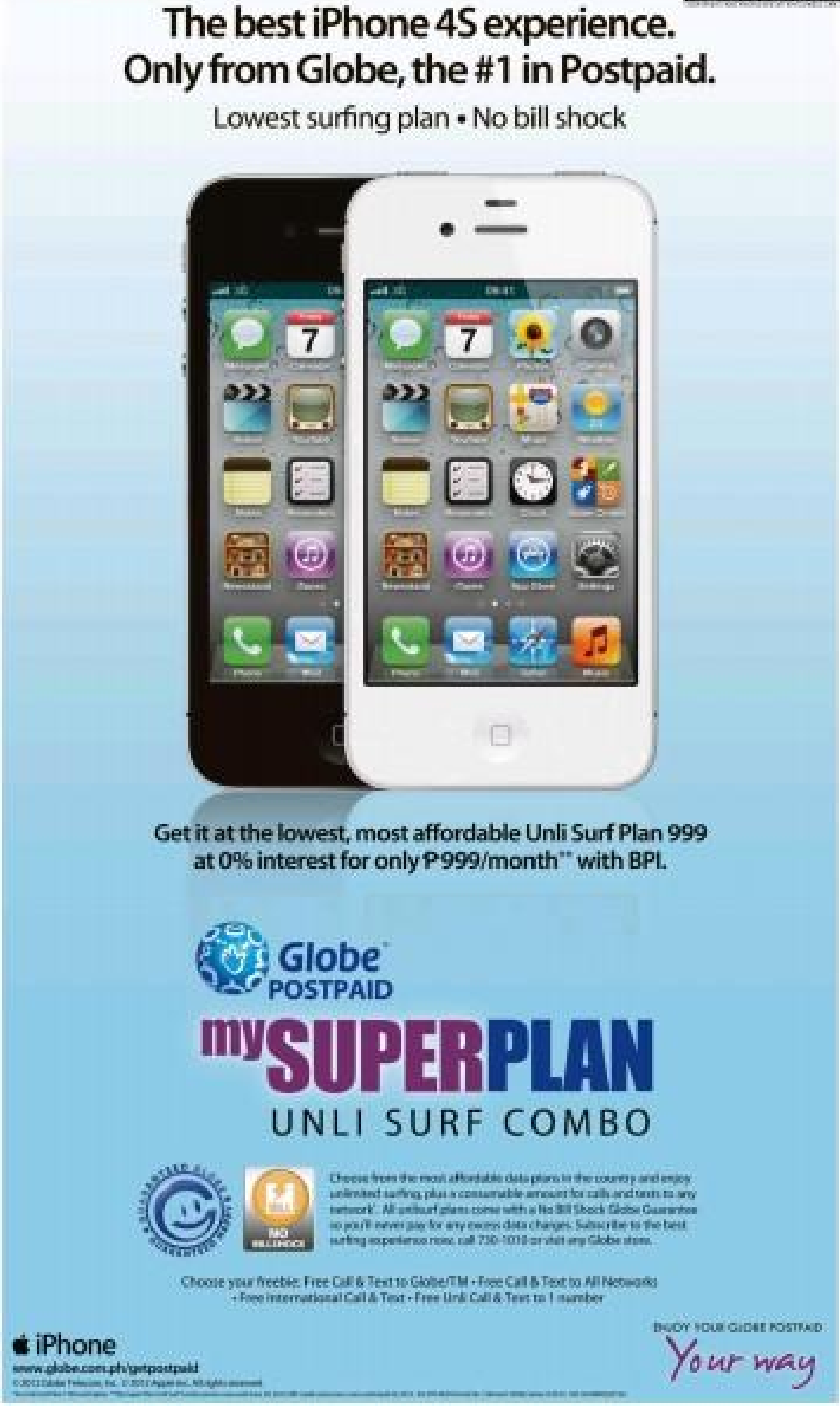
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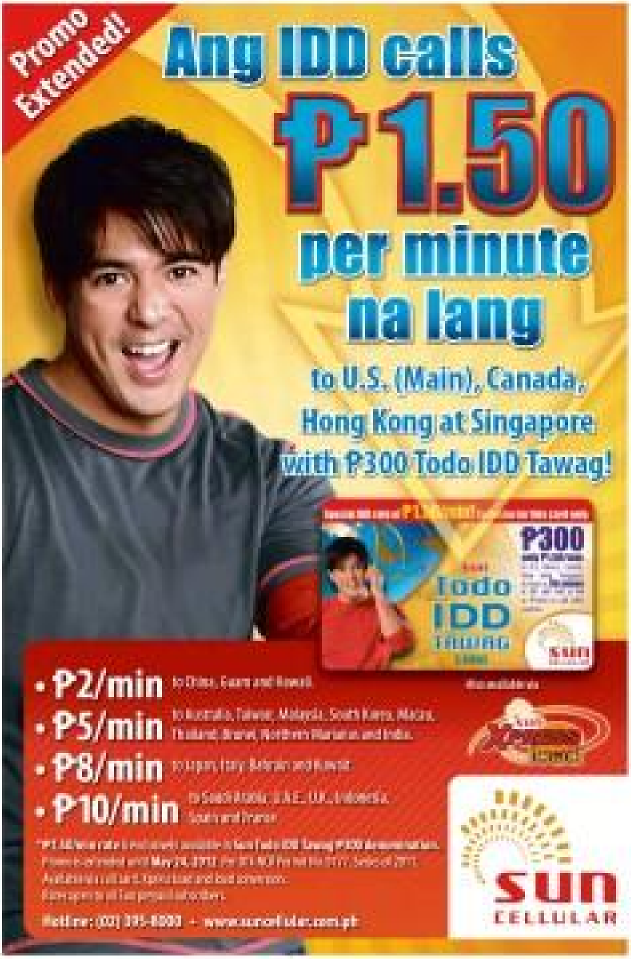

# Armed men barge into banker's house, kill guards

A GROUP of men shot dead three security escorts guarding the sprawling residential compound owned by businessman Albert "Bobby" Aguirre in Las Piñas City before dawn on Saturday but did not take anything from the house.



GUARDS armed with high-powered firearms station themselves in front of banker Albert "Bobby" Aguirre's house in BF International Subdivision in Las Piñas City after armed men entered the compound on Saturday and killed three security personnel.

## Sales Bridge eastbound lane closed to traffic






HOPPY EASTER
Two girls try to figure out how to put together a bunny mask at an Easter Sunday activity in a mall in Quezon City.

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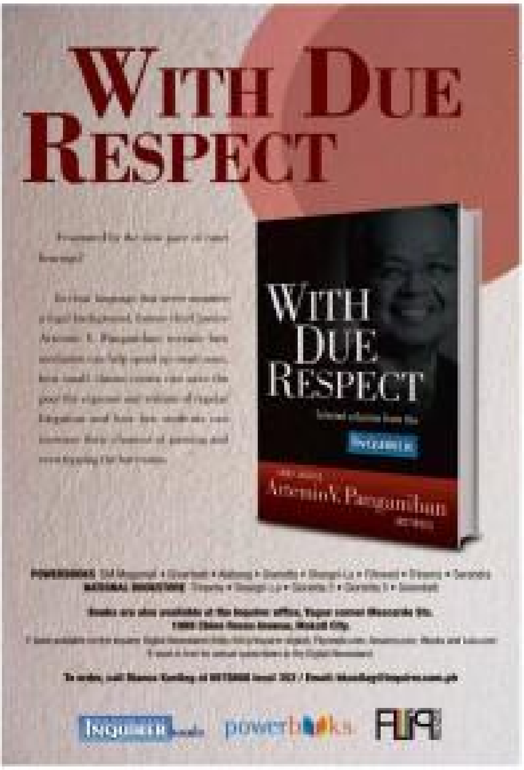
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# Junta in Mali to give up power

BAMAKO—Hopes were raised in Mali on Saturday after the military junta agreed to give up power under a deal with West African bloc Ecowas in return for amnesty and a lifting of sanctions.

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# Rights activist Joyce Banda sworn in as Malawi president

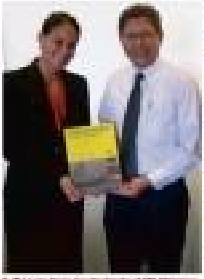


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## THE PHILIPPINES: 2012 REPORT TO PUT CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN SPOTLIGHT

**Key locations primed for development as country looks to drive growth in tourism**



The Philippines, 30 March 2012: Strong demand for housing, a tourism industry primed for development and forthcoming public, private partnerships (PPPs) look set to maintain the current boom in construction across the Philippines, according to the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Ayala Land Inc Jaime Ysmael.

Ysmael told the global publishing, research and consultancy firm Oxford Business Group (OBG) that attractive interest rates, together with a shortage of family units and rising demand for apartments were combining to heighten activity in the residential segment.

"Interest rates on loans have been dropping since 2009 because of massive liquidity in the market. The macro environment remains very strong," he said. "Only about 200,000 houses are being built in a year, and the population is growing around 2% per year, so despite active developments, the backlog is still growing. The frenzy in the residential market is expected to continue over the next few years because of strong demand."

Ysmael was talking to OBG as part of the compilation of research for The Report: The Philippines 2012, the Group's forthcoming guide on the country's economic activity and investment opportunities, which will be produced in partnership with The Makati Business Club, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), MPI Capital, Puno and Associates (PAA) and SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan.

The Vice President of Strategic Landbank Management Group and General Manager of Nuvali, Ayala Land Inc. Just V. Bisnar Jr agreed that locations such as El Nido, Palawan and Iloilo were ripe for development as the Philippines steps up efforts to attract more tourists. "Hotels have been expanding to prepare for and take advantage of growing tourism in the Philippines," he said.

Bisnar Jr also highlighted a move among companies to explore the potential that regions outside Metro Manila offered for developing major retail projects. "In terms of retail space, these allow for much larger mall developments than Manila," he said. "There is still room to grow in smaller retail spaces in Manila. However, it is very saturated at this point."

The Report: The Philippines 2012 will mark the culmination of more than nine months of on-the-ground research by a team of analysts from the Group. It will provide information on opportunities for foreign direct investment into the country's economy and will act as a guide to the many facets of the country including its macroeconomics, infrastructure, banking and sectoral developments. The Report: the Philippines 2012 will be available in print form or online next month.

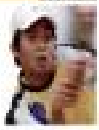


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# Hanson storms into lead

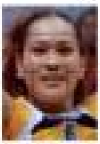


PETER Hanson celebrates a birdie putt on the 17th green.

# Beermen tame Malaysia Dragons



# Tigresses bolster Shakey's V-League 9 cast

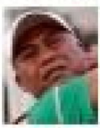


# Pinoy golfers stumble in Sabah Am



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# Overcoming 'sabog' is golf's true test

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# Cocker Henry Tan back

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# PH Cuppers pull off sweep

By Marc Anthony Reyes



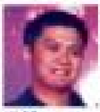
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### Austria trims Spain lead

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# BUSINESS

# Gov't eyes other financiers for Northrail

## Scraps ODA-funded seaport project of French firm

By Paolo G. Montecillo

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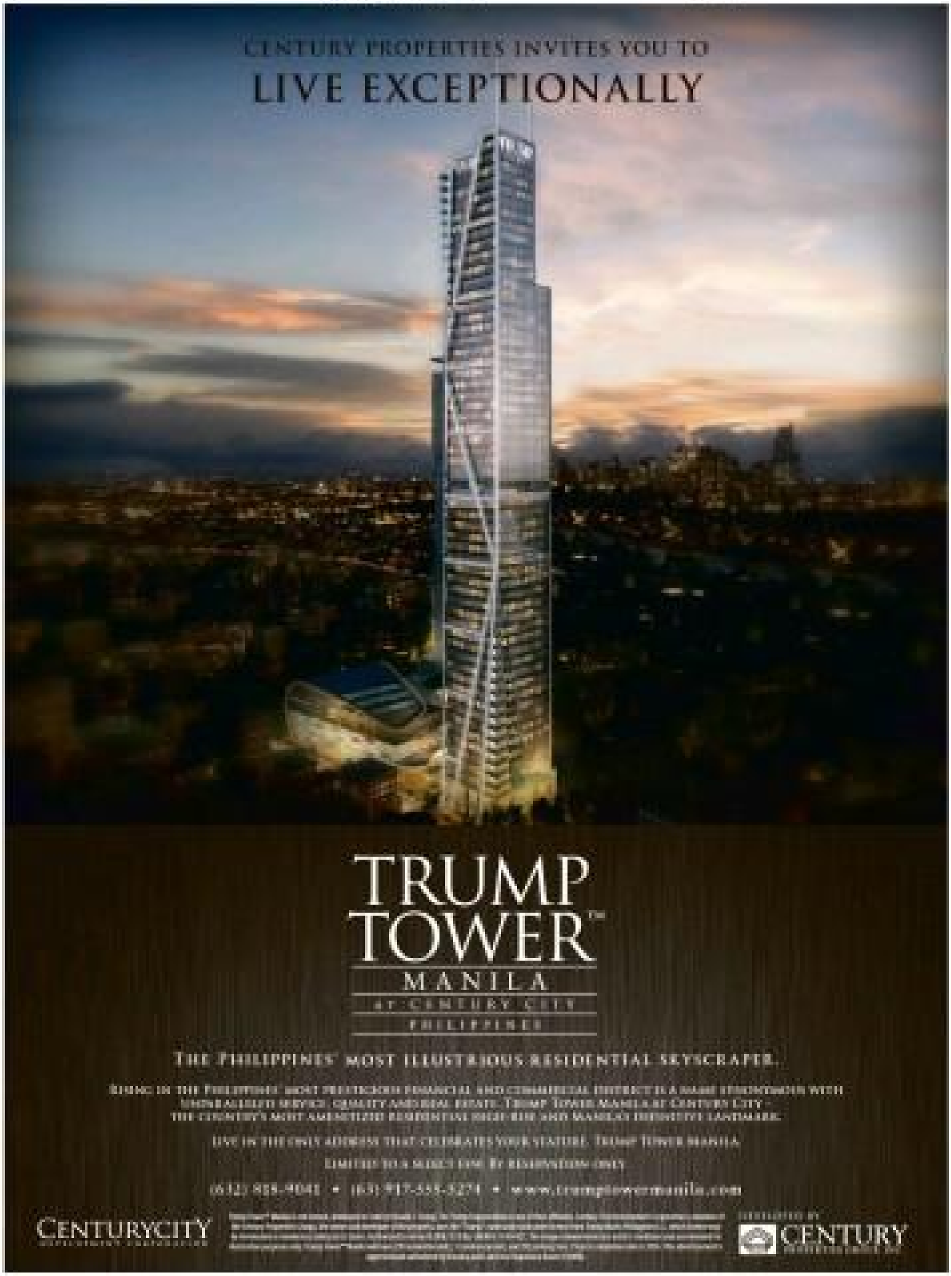
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# Union Bank sees net profit growing 10-15% this year

## Seeks earnings growth from other sectors

## Delayed takeoff

BIZ BUZZ
By the staff

### AIM import

### Foreign eyes, local (sensitive) data

### Crisis management

### Other April deals

## Stocks forecast to trade sideways

## Gov't eyes other financiers for Northrail

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

Maybank

## Justice Buenaventura J. Guerrero (Ret.)

*peacefully joined our Lord on April 7, 2012 at the age of 77.*

A private interment shall be held at the St. James the Great Crypt in Ayala Alabang sometime thereafter.

## Dra. Josefa Gonzalez Estrada

Joined her Creator at 12:49 pm on Holy Saturday, April 7, 2012.

She joins her beloved husband **Antonio** (†), her sons **Anton Jose** (†) and **Angel Agustin** (†), siblings **Luis Gonzalez, Maria Luz Gonzalez Vda. De Santos, Maria Del Carmen Gonzalez Monasterio** and **Adolfo Gonzalez Monasterio**. She is survived by her sister **Esperanza Gonzalez Vda. De Leon**.

She joins her parents **Don Marcelino Gonzalez Gomez** and **Doña Dominga Robles y Rossig**.

She has had an indelible impact on her family and many others. She will be lovingly remembered by her surviving children, their spouses and grandchildren: **Albert, Maria Rosario (Cherry), Martin, David** and **Carlos, Josefina (Liza), Jose Angel** and **Monica; Josemaria (Chema), Shanta** and **Pilar; Francis, Cristina, Ana Cristina, Dan,** their daughter **Sophia,** and **Anton**.

Her remains are at the Capilla de la Virgen, Santuario de San Antonio on McKinley Road, Makati City up to Wednesday April 11. Masses will be held on Monday and Tuesday at 6 PM and on Wednesday at 7 pm.

The family requests that you keep Josefa in your prayers. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CRIBS Foundation, Inc. or Chosen Children.

## SR. MARY AGNES L. KATIGBAK, RGS

April 3, 1921 - April 7, 2012

Masses at 8 p.m. on April 9 and 10.

## CAPT. BENJAMIN G. MONTERDE

"Come and let us return to the Lord; for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up."
– Hosea 6:1

# CLASSIFIEDS




## PLDT ALPHA Enterprise and SMART Enterprise work hand-in-hand in delivering higher quality ICT services for its ALPHA customers.

Delivering the best ICT package to business customers requires a careful balance between cutting edge technology and attentive all-hours service. But of course this is something we've known all along. Hardware, software, and expertise are all equally crucial to the enterprise customer. It is only perhaps now that the ideal "total ICT package" gets delivered to Philippine business customers.

SMART Enterprise, as the wireless services team of PLDT ALPHA Enterprise, raises the bar in providing more complete ICT solutions to ALPHA clients. This was, after all, the level of competence and service that any ALPHA client naturally expects. A well-rounded ICT solutions package that successfully "integrates wireless" makes a SMARTer business.

PLDT ALPHA Enterprise evolved to meet the expectations of more discerning ALPHA-rated customers. As the resounding commitment is to put "Relationships First", this meant establishing and fortifying long-lasting partnerships. Further developments in an already robust PLDT network infrastructure, more extensive coverage, and highly skilled people have so far spelt the difference. On the wireless side, SMART Enterprise performs its core mission of enabling business anywhere and anytime.

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The SMART suite of solutions is expertly and thoughtfully designed, capable of performing business-crucial functions. **It's a one-stop shop for customizable mobile services boosting business efficiency, uptime, and overall productivity, allowing clients to live more with less wasted time.** SMART Enterprise also leverages on its nationwidest network coverage and the added expertise of its team.

PLDT ALPHA Enterprise and SMART Enterprise develop uncompromising ICT services because among other high-standard requirements, ALPHA Enterprise customers have always deserved a SMARTer solutions provider.

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***SMART Bro**

-Increase your team's productivity using high-speed wireless broadband internet connection

-Get 24/7 customer support from expert technical personnel

***ALPHA Postpaid**
powered by SMART Enterprise

-Employ the wireless communication service custom-built to fit your requirements

-Enjoy dependable services bundled with top-grade handsets at reasonable prices

***Eload**

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-Eliminate the need to buy cards and constant trips to loading stations

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-Enjoy real-time updates on stock inventories or wireless customer loyalty programs

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***Netcast**

-Conveniently send messages to a selected number of people or an entire team

-Make use of its two-level security and emergency broadcast facilities

# BUSINESS



# 2 European firms seek to expand presence in PH, eye rural ventures

## Deal to buy 40% of Encash signed

By Doris C. Dumlao

## ERC adjusts power generating capacity caps

By Amy R. Remo

## S&R acquisition seen to boost Puregold profit

By Doris C. Dumlao

## PSALM bidding out coal supply deal for Naga complex

Amy R. Remo

Power Situation Outlook

# US Fed officials worried US job gains could fade

## Wall Street disappointed by projections; global stocks drop

## Auto sales surged in March

## IMF chief wants 'more firepower' to fight global crises




## Hays of UK sees strong 2012 growth in Asia

## Mitsubishi buys stake in Brazil coffee farm

# Low cost era over for China's workshops to the world

# Absence minded

**BREAKTIME**



# Business Monday

# Staying relevant in the age of the Internet

## In 'new world', technology reigns supreme



DOMINGUEZ (center) in a video press conference.



COMPANY DNA for success

## Noynoying–good for the economy?

By Myrna Rodriguez Co

### Pnoy on Noynoying

### Growth despite Noynoying

### The other side of Noynoying

## Farms-Schools: Educating farmers

MAPping the Future

*Jose Rene C. Gayo*



### Unique system

### Farms-Schools Network

### Beneficial arrangement

### True public service

Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan · Arts and Books Editor Lito B. Zulueta

# LIFESTYLE Arts & Books





CECILE Licad acknowledging enthusiastic audience response at Marco Polo Plaza Hotel in Cebu City

# In praise of good pianos

By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

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If the CCP and Cebu had a Yamaha and Angeles City had a Steinway, Licad gave her best using a super-sensitive Bosendorfer piano in Cavite

## Breaking decorum

[illegible]

PRAISE C2

# In praise of good pianos



## Why couldn't we stick to one brand of piano in all those concerts?





### Liszt connection

### Personal preference

# PPO to close concert season with Stravinsky's 'Rite of Spring'

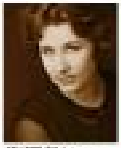


PHILIPPINE Philharmonic Orchestra

By Antonio C. Hila

## Sofya Gulyak, first woman to win Leeds piano contest, is featured performer





### Return performance

### Numerous performances

# NCCA holds Dance Xchange, international dance festival

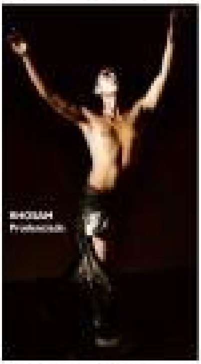








# Pinoys selected for Kyoto contemporary dance residency



RHOSAM Prudenciado

### Excited



Photo by Ilan Black

# Tweetie carries on with an eye for perfection

Details matter to an exacting designer. The smallest loose thread or even just one color out of place can unsettle the creator's artistic sensibilities.

That's why supermodel turned jewelry designer Tweetie de Leon-Gonzalez is very much hands-on in creating her accessories. Working meticulously on her jewelry designs, though, eventually took its toll on her eyes. "When I focus on my work, I become so absorbed that I often forget that the lighting is low," she admitted. "I also read for long hours. I used to wear glasses and I experienced frequent migraines."

She recently had her eyes checked at AMERICAN EYE CENTER , one of the leading eye care clinics in the metro. "One of their specialists, Dr. Arnold Salud, gave me a thorough eye examination," she said. "I didn't have presbyopia yet, but I was a candidate. After a few more months, I said that I was ready so for Bladeless LASIK surgery."

AMERICAN EYE CENTER takes pride in being the first refractive center in the country that uses the integrated WAVELIGHT Refractive Suite, the world's fastest refractive platform. Two types of lasers – one for creating the corneal flap, and the other for taking out the grade of the eye – ensure that treatment is complete safe, precise, and fast. The patient stays in the LASIK suite for less than 20 minutes. In AMERICAN EYE, LASIK is totally bladeless, thus the procedure is coined All Laser LASIK.

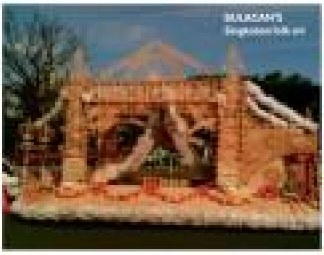
AMERICAN EYE CENTER is fully equipped with branches located at the Level 5, EDSA Shangri-La Plaza, and at the Level 4 of Greenbelt 5, Makati City. For inquiries, call 636-0761 or 729-EYES (3937) or visit www.americaneye.com.ph, follow us on Twitter www.twitter.com/eyetweets and like our page in Facebook, www.Facebook.com/AmericanEyeCenter.



THE TOURING production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's blockbuster musical gathers cast members from the UK, US, Australia and South Africa.

# 'The Phantom of the Opera' comes to Manila

# Streetdance and float-making–how they are raised to art forms via Aliwan Fiesta



'Amid the color and excitement, the tension, and the sweltering heat of summer, we get vivid images that will last a lifetime'

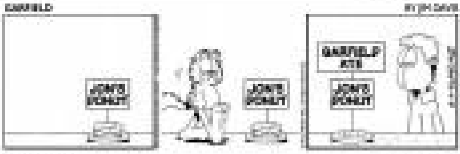


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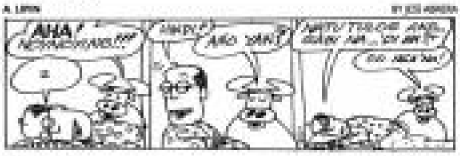


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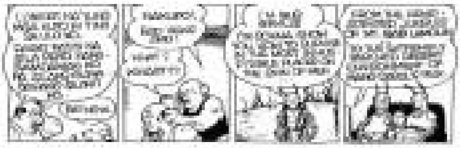
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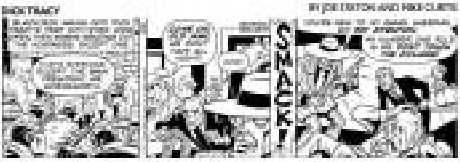

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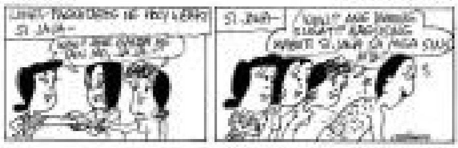

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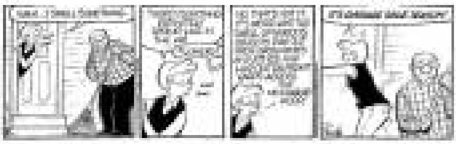
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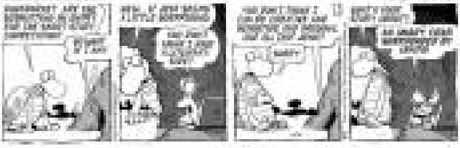
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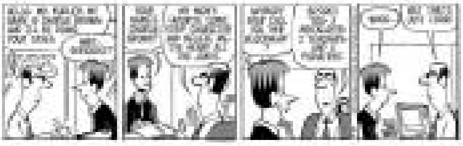
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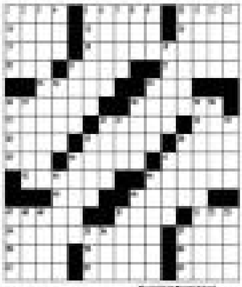

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



# Peta and Rep do crossover staging of cross-dressing hit



"CARE DIVAS," about a group of Filipino caregivers in Israel who moonlight as drag performers, is written by Liza Magtoto and directed by Maribel Legarda, with music and lyrics by Vince de Jesus.




It's a historic, first-ever collaboration between the two theater companies, both celebrating their 45th year

### Joy Virata in the mix

### Now commonplace

### Legacy

## Halili-Cruz ballet school holds summer dance workshops

# Joel Trinidad directs 'Forbidden Broadway' this May



### Choosing the right actors

# Joel Trinidad directs 'Forbidden Broadway' this May

> 'It's one of the funniest shows I've ever seen'



### An unemployed actor's idea

# ENTERTAINMENT

**Life without TV**

HEARD




# Eugene Domingo bares her heart



Eugene Domingo

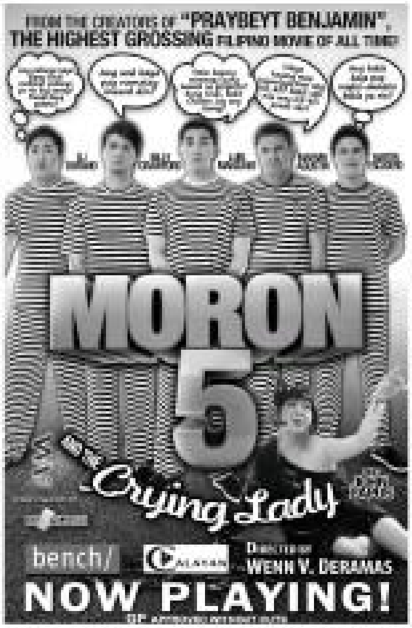
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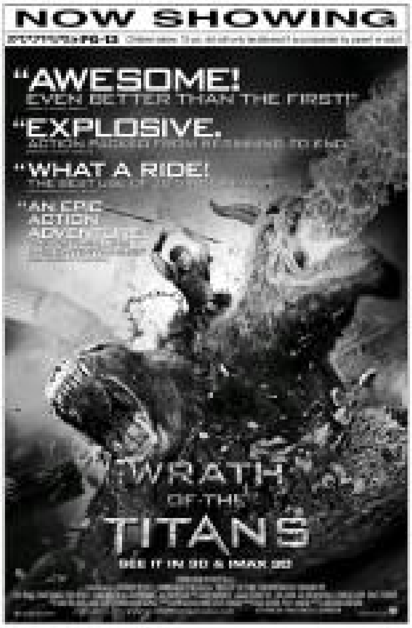


*Dolly Anne Carvajal*






# Experts set up film workshops



MONSTER Jimenez



PAOLO Villaluna

## Eugene Domingo...









# Celebrities hit back hard at bashers



REGINE Velasquez

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

Duty

Stardom and privacy




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## MOVIE SPECIAL




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# LMFAO, Greyson Chance at the Big Dome




ELECTRO POP duo LMFAO performs on April 11 at the Smart Araneta Coliseum. Formed in 2006 in Los Angeles, LMFAO is composed of Redfoo and SkyBlu, son and grandson, respectively of Motown founder Berry Gordy. Its second album, "Sorry for Party Rocking," has sold 18 million copies and produced two No. 1 singles, "Party Rock Anthem" and "Sexy and I Know It" in the US Billboard Hot 100.

The concert will have as special guest Quest Crew, "America's Best Dance Crew" season 3 champion.

Call 911-5555.

**Intimate setting**

The concert of 14-year-old singer-songwriter and YouTube discovery Greyson Chance on April 22 at the Smart Araneta Coliseum will have an intimate setting, with only 4,000 seats allotted for ticket holders.

The first artist to be signed by TV host Ellen DeGeneres to her own record label, eleveneleven, Chance released his debut album, "Hold On 'til the Night," in 2011. It contains the single "Waiting Outside the Lines." It was No. 1 in the United States for four straight weeks.

Call 911-5555 or 574-9999.

**'Amazing Disney Race'**

Araneta Center presents its special Easter event, "Amazing Disney Race," today from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The entire Quadrant C (near the giant Christmas Tree area) just outside the Smart Araneta Coliseum has been transformed into a racetrack with pit stops featuring favorite Disney characters such as Lightning McQueen, Mr. Potato Head, Hamm, Rapunzel, Buzz and Tigger, and Mickey Mouse.

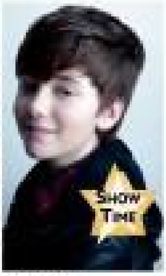
For a minimum single-receipt purchase of P200 from Gateway Mall, Farmers Plaza, and Ali Mall, kids are entitled to an "Amazing Disney Race" stamp card that allows entry to the pit stops and access to activity booths.

**Bellevue's Easter event**

The Bellevue Hotel invites families and their children to join its "Easter Hikin' and Campin' Adventure" today from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Tower Ballroom.

Camp out in a digital dome planetarium and get to know about the stars and the planets from a resident astronomer. There will also be games and activities including egg hunting. Raffle prizes await guests.

Call 771-8181 or 0917-8718181.




GREYSON Chance



LMFAO



# ENTERTAINMENT



# Gwen Zamora gears up for Asia

## GMA 7 star's film opens in Manila, Jakarta, Singapore and Hong Kong







### Opening doors

### Improvised dialogue

# US$30,000 at stake in online film fest







### 200 entries, 30 countries

### Two winners

# Drew Arellano: Marathon man





## GMA 7 TV host joins a marathon race on the streets of Paris

### Smooth sailing

# Actress behind the camera



DIRECTOR at work: Bianca King

## Bianca King says she wants to direct TV commercials and shorts

By Bayani San Diego Jr.



### Friends star in her films

### Dark territory




# 'Anino' and the darkness of the human soul

## Director recalls challenges of Star Magic's first digital film

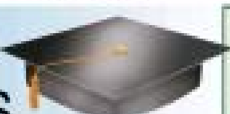


By Marinel R. Cruz



LEARNING

# The best advice these biz whizzes got upon graduation



By Tina Arceo-Dumlao


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**Rex A. Mendoza**

**Rico Gonzales**

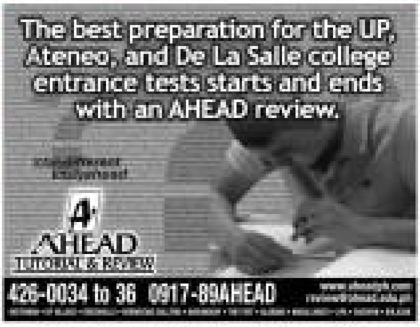
## Recoletos educators meet to keep informed, inspired





## Traveling World War II exhibit at DepEd








# Readers speak out on K-12



Creative ways

Private seminars

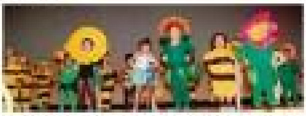
Training

# Students from Mindanao dominate Pasiklaban





# A musical 6th founding anniversary



# Traveling World War II exhibit at DepEd

## WELCOME, SUMMER!



### Workshop for techie kids

### Summer of fun and learning

### Camps for young scientists

# Recoletos educators...

# 259 complete Infoteach digital literacy program



# 10 outstanding public high school students receive college scholarships



# The best advice these biz whizzes...



## FOOTNOTES

### English, literature workshops for teachers

### Business orientation program opens April 14

### Deadline for UPAA 2012 Yearbook extended

**Playgrounds for the Mind will be back on Monday.**

# Singing the praises of Makati's music teachers

THIS time it was the turn of the music teachers.

Seven music teachers of Makati were honored recently by the Rotary Club of Makati Dasmariñas (RCMD) through its Most Outstanding School Teachers (MOST) annual awards. [illegible]



[illegible] Acopiado at RCMD's MOST awarding



[illegible] (Most Outstanding Teacher), [illegible] (first runner up) and [illegible] (second runner-up).



ROTARY Club Makati Dasmariñas members with the Most Outstanding School Teacher in music finalists

[illegible]

# Interschool design competition winners

THE UNIVERSITY of Santo Tomas won the top prize [illegible] in the recent [illegible] interschool design competition. [illegible]





UST's winning design in the [illegible] competition (above); the second prize-winning design by UE (left).

[illegible]

## YES for environment, SPED scholars

By [illegible]

[illegible]



[illegible]

# UP exhibit showcases green architecture

DMCI Homes supported this year's Banyo, the annual exhibition of works by students of the University of the Philippines College of Architecture (UPCA). [illegible]



DMCI Homes reaffirms ties with the UP academic community by supporting the recent [illegible], an annual exhibition of works by students of the College of Architecture.

[illegible]

# Designing their future

THREE first-year interior design students of Raffles Design Institute [illegible] exhibit recently showcasing projects they had been working on. [illegible]



ADJUNCT interior design lecturer [illegible] of Raffles Singapore, students Nikki Lozari and Chris Dean, and interior design lecturer Lee Miles from London